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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: IAEA ADMIN
SUBJ: IAEA STAFFING NEW D-LEVEL POST AT DEPARTMENT
OF AFEGUARDS AND INSPECTION

REF: STATE 5955

1. FOLLOWING HIS RETURN FROM SENEGAL JANUARY 14,
I CALLED ON DG EKLUND AFTERNOON SAME DAY TO CARRY
OUT INSTRUCTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL.

2. AFTER CONVEYING SUBSTANCE PARAS 1 AND 3 REFTEL,
DG ASKED WHAT OUR REACTION WOULD HAVE BEEN IF NORWAY
HAD JOINED EURATOM AS THEY ALMOST DID. I TOLD HIM
IF THIS HAD BEEN THE CASE, IT WOULD HAVE BEEN A MAJOR
CONSIDERATION FOR US AND WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY HAVE
PRECLUDED U.S. SUPPORT FOR THORNSTENSEN. HE CONTINUED
THAT HE DIDN'T PARTICULARLY LIKE HAVING RESTRICTIONS
IMPOSED ON WHAT WAS AFTER ALL HIS PEROGATIVE. I
ASSURED HIM THAT THERE WAS NO QUESTION THAT THE
SELECTION WAS HIS BUT REMINDED HIM THAT I HAD BEEN
INSTRUCTED TO CONVEY MY GOVERNMENT'S VIEWS
ON THE MATTER.

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3. AT THIS POINT, DR. EKLUND REPEATED POINT HE
HAS PREVIOUSLY MADE TO ME, NAMELY THAT HE HAS ALWAYS
HAD EXCELLENT COOPERATION AND UNDERSTANDING FROM
THE U.S. WITHOUT WHICH HE COULD NOT HAVE CARRIED
OUT HIS RESPONSIBILITIES AND THERE HAD ONLY BEEN A
VERY FEW CASES (HE STRESSED THE WORD "VERY") IN

WHICH HE HAD ACTED CONTRARY TO U.S. VIEWS. HE SAID HE PERSONALLY KNEW SKJOELDEBRAND BEST OF THE CANDIDATES AND HE WOULD NOW GIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION TO THEIR QUALIFICATIONS. (COMMENT: I GATHERED HE WAS RECEPTIVE TO OUR PLEA TO RULE OUT THE JAPANESE CANDIDATE ALTHOUGH HE DID NOT SAY SO EXPLICITLY.) AFTER HE HAD COMPLETED HIS REVIEW, HE PROPOSED TO DISCUSS THE MATTER INFORMALLY WITH A FEW GOVERNORS, SPECIFICALLY CITING AMBASSADOR TAPE AND PROFESSOR MOROKHOV, PROBABLY AT THE TIME OF THE MEETING OF THE "SEVEN WISEMEN."

4. I TOOK THE OCCASION TO CALL ATTENTION TO MY CONCERN THAT ONCE POSTS ARE ASSIGNED TO CERTAIN COUNTRIES, I.E. SOVIETS, THEY ASSUME THEY BELONG TO THEM AND URGED THE DG TO MAKE IT ABSOLUTELY CLEAR THAT POSTS ARE FILLED BY INDIVIDUALS AND CARRY NO IMPLICATION THEY ARE ASSIGNED TO A GIVEN COUNTRY. THE DG SAID HE HAD DIFFICULTIES IN THIS REGARD WITH ONLY ONE COUNTRY, THE SOVIET UNION. HE SAID HE HAD SPOKEN SOMETIME AGO TO THE CZECH REPRESENTATIVE AND SINCE THAT TIME HAD NEVER HAD ANY PROBLEM WITH THE CZECHS. HE ALSO EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE U.S. HAD ALWAYS GIVEN IN THIS REGARD. HE THEN RECALLED RECENT CASE IN WHICH HE HAD ASSIGNED AN ITALIAN TO SUCCEED A SOVIET CITIZEN AS SECTION LEADER IN THE DIVISION OF SAFEGUARDS OPERATIONS. HE SAID HE HAD HAD A REAL RUN-IN WITH THE SOVIET DELEGATION WHEN THIS
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HAD HAPPENED AND HE WAS SURE THE MATTER WAS NOT YET SETTLED AS FAR AS THE SOVIETS WERE CONCERNED. HE EXPECTED HE WOULD HEAR FROM MOROKHOV ON THE SUBJECT.

5. I TOLD THE DG THAT I WAS CONCERNED THAT SOME BALANCE BE MAINTAINED IN THE GRANTING OF KEY POSTS IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SAFEGUARDS AND INSPECTIONS. AS IT NOW APPEARED THAT A D-LEVEL POST WOULD GO TO A SOVIET CITIZEN, I HOPED HE WOULD NOT MAKE ANY COMMITMENT IN THAT REGARD UNTIL IT WAS POSSIBLE TO SEE THAT A DEGREE OF BALANCE WERE MAINTAINED. I POINTED OUT THAT BY SUPPORTING THORSTENSEN, WE OBVIOUSLY WERE NOT PROPOSING TO PUT FORWARD A U.S. CANDIDATE FOR A DIRECTOR-LEVEL POST IN SAFEGUARDS OPERATIONS PARTLY BECAUSE WE APPRECIATED HIS CONCERN THAT THIS DEPARTMENT NOT APPEAR TO BE A CREATURE OF THE U.S. AND THE U.S.S. R. THE DG ACCEPTED MY POINT AND ASSURED ME THAT HE HAD THIS VERY MUCH

IN MIND.

6. DR. EKLUND THEN IN VERY SERIOUS TONE SAID
HE WAS EXTREMELY CONCERNED ABOUT THE FUTURE OF
NUCLEAR ENERGY. HE SHOWED ME A SERIES OF
CLIPPINGS THAT HE HAD TAKEN OUT OF THE FRENCH AND
GERMAN LANGUAGE PRESS CONCERNING CONTRACT CANCEL-
LATIONS FOR POWER PLANTS, PRESS DISTORTION OF THE
NOVEMBER 2 VOTE IN SIX U.S. STATE REFERENDA ETC.
AND SAID HE WAS VERY CONCERNED THAT THE EMPHASIS
ON NON-PROLIFERATION WAS GOING TO END BY KILLING
NUCLEAR ENERGY. I TOLD HIM THAT I PERSONALLY REMAINED
AN OPTIMIST IN THIS REGARD AND BELIEVED THAT THE
REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL ENERGY SOURCES WOULD LEAD
TO THE ACCEPTANCE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY WITHIN PRESCRIBED
LIMITS. STONE

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